

2004 APPROVED WORK PLAN
for the
RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMITTEE

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History

The radioactive and hazardous materials committee was created in 1979 by statute, Section 74-4A-9 NMSA 1978, to provide a means of coordinating information exchange and develop appropriate state actions in relation to the waste isolation pilot plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad. Over the years, the committee has heard extensive testimony on subject matter relating to the environment, including air and water quality, solid waste, ground water quality, mining, pipeline safety and other issues that require attention from the legislature in its deliberation of proposed environmental regulation.

Proposed Work Plan

The committee proposes to review the department of environment legislative and regulatory initiatives, including:

- assumption of primacy over the federal environmental protection agency's (EPA's) national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES);
- air quality and water quality de novo hearing process revisions;
- wastewater utility operators certification;
- proposed changes to septic tank regulations; and
- occupational safety and health standards for convenience stores.

Additionally, the committee proposes to hear testimony about the status of:

- WIPP and its federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit modification requests before the department of environment;
- Los Alamos national laboratory's environmental compliance and proposed federal department of energy settlement with the state over legacy waste cleanup;
- Superfund or proposed listing of sites under the federal Comprehensive

- Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980;
- Underground storage tanks;
 - Burn standards (garbage);
 - Hazardous carriers; and
 - De Novo hearings pursuant to other issues.

Finally, the committee proposes to hear testimony on the proposed nuclear fuels enrichment plant in Eunice, the effect on New Mexico communities of changes in EPA standards for various pollutants, including mercury and arsenic, and issues relative to extractive industries in the state.

2004 APPROVED MEETING SCHEDULE AND BUDGET

One one-day meeting in Santa Fe (June 8)
One one-day meeting in Los Alamos (July 6)
One two-day meeting in Carlsbad (November 4-5)
One one-day meeting in Santa Fe (September 20)

TOTAL	\$14,000.00
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